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STATEMENT BY CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL AGUIRRE *MAYOR DICK MURPHY RESIGNS*

In making the hard choice of resignation Mayor Dick Murphy has shown an admirable determination to do what is right, and also shown a level of courage to which all in public life should aspire. I respect his decision and pledge to work with the Mayor over the next few months towards a smooth transition.

The City Attorney's Office will be advising the City Council on the process to be followed to fill the Mayoral vacancy. Under Charter Section 24, the City Council may either appoint a Mayor to serve until the next general election, or call a special election to fill the vacancy and serve out the unexpired term. Within the next few days, we will release the alternative procedures to be followed under these circumstances.

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